

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A gaming machine capable of accepting enabling the insertion of bills, the gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet; [[and]]

a door [[,]] provided on a front face of the cabinet;

wherein the door comprises:

a bill insertion slot provided in the door;

a bill guide plate [[,]]provided on the door and extending forward outwards from a lower end of the bill insertion slot for guiding a bill into the bill insertion slot, wherein the bill guide plate has and having an opening for dropping foreign matter separated from the bill;

a guide part [[,]] positioned in a direction substantially right under the opening of the bill guide plate [[and]] for guiding the foreign matter dropped from an exterior said opening downwards; and

a container [[,]] disposed at [[the]] a rear face of the door and below the guide part for collecting the foreign matter.

2. **(currently amended)** The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein

wherein an upper opening of the container is positioned [[in a]] substantially vertically downward direction below the guide part and has a larger cross-sectional area than a cross section of the lower end part of the guide part.

3. **(currently amended)** The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein wherein the container is detachably mounted to the rear face of the door.

4. **(currently amended)** The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein wherein the container [[is]] has a rectangular [[in]] horizontal cross-section, and one of long sides of the rectangular cross-section faces [[to]] the rear face of the door when the container is mounted to the door.

5. **(currently amended)** The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein wherein the container is formed of a substantially transparent or semi-transparent material.

6. **(currently amended)** The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein wherein a storage capacity of the container is one liter or less.

7. **(new)** The gaming machine according to claim 1, further comprising:
a bill validator provided in the cabinet and adjacent the bill insertion slot for receiving and evaluating the bill guided by the bill guide plate.

8. **(new)** The gaming machine according to claim 7,
wherein the bill validator is configured to validate the authenticity and quality of the bill guided by the bill guide plate.

9. **(new)** The gaming machine according to claim 8, further comprising:
a bill stacker provided in the cabinet and housing bills validated by the bill validator.

10. **(new)** The gaming machine according to claim 3, wherein
two latches are provided on the rear face of the door; and

two pins for respectively engaging the latches protrude from two side faces of the container.

11. **(new)** The gaming machine according to claim 3, wherein the container, when mounted to the door, is moveable therewith, thereby facilitating removal of the foreign matter collected in the container.

12. **(new)** The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the opening in the bill guide plate is smaller than a diameter of a coin utilizable with the gaming machine, thereby preventing such coin from falling through the opening and the guide part to the container.

13. **(new)** The gaming machine according to claim 1, further comprising a coin slot provided in the door and different from the bill insertion slot for receiving coins utilizable with the gaming machine.

14. **(new)** The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein when the container is mounted to the rear face of the door, the guide part defines, at all times, a passage from the opening of the bill guide plate to an upper opening of the container.

15. **(new)** The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the guide part is fixed immovably to the door.

16. **(new)** The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the container comprises an upper narrowed portion that has an opening vertically aligned with a lower end of the guide part for receiving the foreign matter guided downwardly by the guide part; and a lower enlarged portion for containing the foreign matter received through the opening of the upper narrowed portion.

17. **(new)** The gaming machine according to claim 16, wherein
the container is detachably mounted to the door in a vicinity of a shoulder between the
upper narrowed portion and the lower enlarged portion.

18. **(new)** The gaming machine according to claim 16, wherein
two latches are provided on the rear surface of the door; and
two pins for detachably engaging the latches, respectively, protrude from opposite sides of
the lower enlarged portion.